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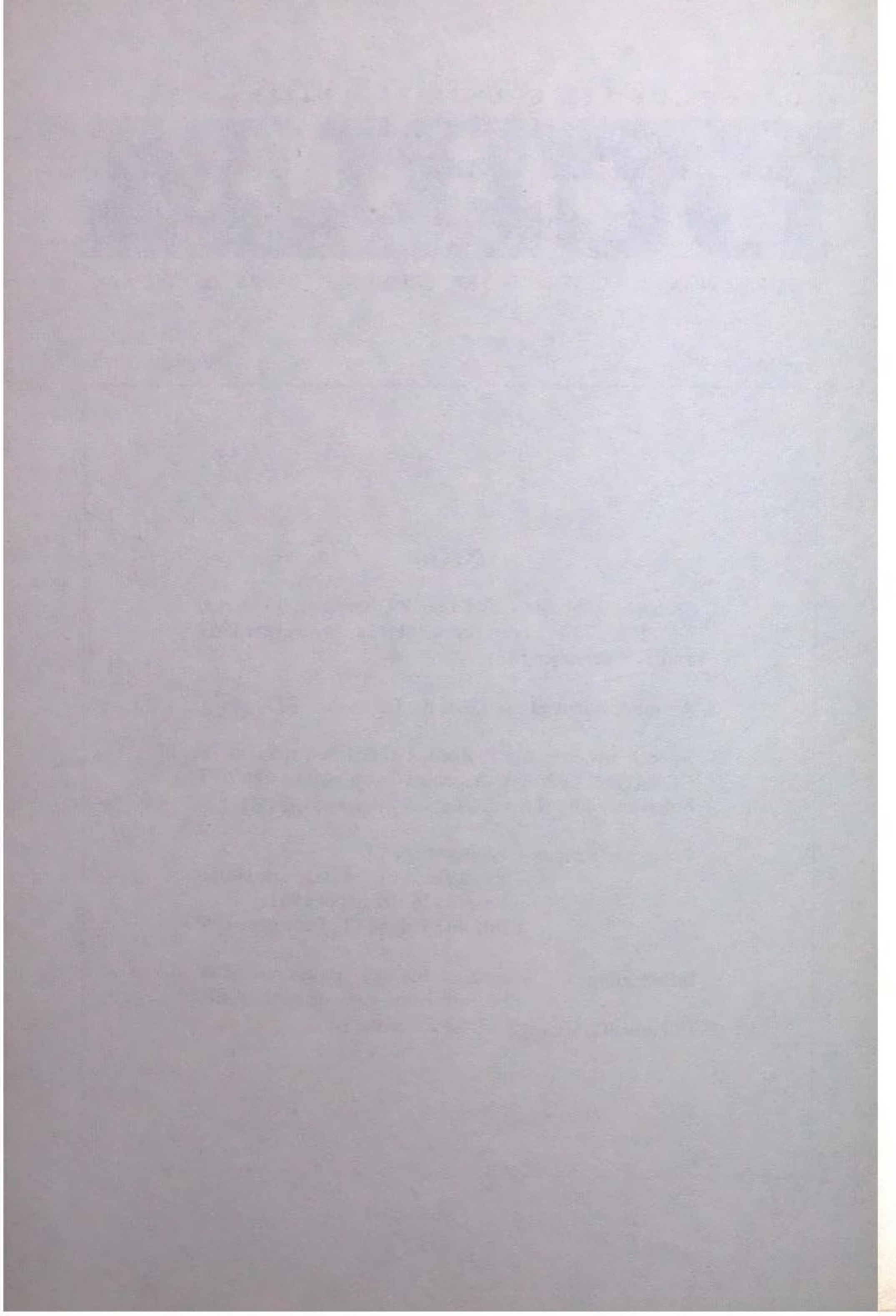
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## STATEMENT

The negotiations between the war minister of the USA and the junta lead, with their consequences, to a new development, which is contradicting the national security of our country and peace in the region.

The US imperialism is intensifying its diktat on our country, in order to turn Turkey into a base of aggression and into a springboard against, first of all, the Soviet Union and the national liberation movement in the region. This pressure is closely tied with the efforts of the USA to torpedo the detente, to turn the military balance in her favour and to deploy new nuclear missiles to Western Europe.

The US imperialists have got new and important facilities after the creation of the so-called organ, the "Common Defence Group", which was the result of the negotiations between the junta and the war minister of the USA, and after the secret bargains on the use of the USA bases more effectively. This "group" is founded against all national liberation movements in the region, in the name of "acting together" at the "situations of crises" which will come through in the region. So, the junta is stepping back even from its words like "we are against actions outside the NATO", and is taking part in an organ which could make Turkey a partner of its aggressive actions against the region. Because, the creation of this organ means in practice the implementation of the US plans to widen the influence sphere of NATO through bilateral treaties outside the NATO. With this treaty, the junta is making a dangerous step in favour of US imperialism in its contradictory, "balanced" foreign policy which it was following since a long time. This step is contradicting thoroughly with the words of the junta to establish relations with the Soviet Union and the islamic countries on the bases of good neighbourness, friendship and co-operation.

US imperialism got this confession in such conditions where our country and our people have been deprived of strength. Now, the dangers are more grave. The abolition of all fundamental rights and freedoms by the junta and the promonoly economic policy followed by it, are decreasing the resistance capacity of our country against the imperialist diktat. The repression of the reactionary junta regime on the antiimperialist forces and the uninterrupted arrests of the communists and all democratic forces are serving to the most reactionary, pro-American forces inside and outside the army to reinforce their positions. The release of the leaders of the fascist Nationalist Action Party (MHP) one by one, the court cases opened against the CPT and DİSK (\*), the arrest of Ecevit (\*\*), these are developments not seperated from the US diktat.

The CPT said from the very beginning on that the dangers could be prevented only, if all national democratic forces unite. Today, everybody must drive the necessary lessons from the developments.



Indeed, today all the imperialist pressures could not reach their goal. The target to make use of Turkey as a base for the Rapid Deployment Forces is not yet fulfilled. The most open supporters of US imperialism were not yet able to pass the imperialist plans thoroughly.

Moreover, the creation of the organ called "the Common Defence Group" lead to reactions in the public opinion. Today broad circles are realizing the dangers brought by this course, and the hatred against US imperialism among the rows of the working class, the toilers, the patriotic officers and the youth, is increasing.

The consequence which should be drawn is: Be with the stamp of the USA or NATO, the prevention of the deployment of the aggressive units called the Rapid Deployment Forces are only possible, if all national democratic forces unite.

The national security of Turkey can be guaranteed not by becoming a tool of the adventurist plans of US imperialism, but by establishing good neighbourness, friendship and cooperation with the socialist countries as well as islamic countries.

The CPT is calling every one who loves his country to unite, and to struggle for the dissolution of the socalled "Common Defence Group", for the closing of our territory to the aggressive USA and NATO units, and against the bilateral enslaving treaties with the USA as well as against the nuclear spionage bases

13 December 1981

*Central Committee  
Communist Party of Turkey*

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(\*) Confederation of the Progressive Trade Unions

(\*\*) Ecevit: former prime minister and president of the  
Republican People's Party (CHP)

## FOR A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION

The Consultative Parliament elected by the junta set up a commission for the constitution. This commission started to prepare a daft constitution. With this, the generals are working to convince the public opinion that they are returning to "democracy."

However, while such demonstrations are done on democracy, the arrests of the real democratic forces is continuing uninterruptedly. Hundreds of citizens, the functionaries of DISK (1) among them, are threatened with capital punishment. The political parties are dissolved. While the fascist leaders are released at the court case against the MHP (2), Ecevit (3) is arrested and the court case against the CPT, where hundreds of progressive persons are tried, is opened. Is it possible to believe that a democratic constitution could be prepared in this situation of repression, terror and reaction?

Indeed, the junta made it clear yet, what kind of a constitution it is going to prepare. The junta is not preparing the laws according to the constitution, but the constitution according to the laws, which it has approved yet. The laws which were passed until today are abolishing the independence of the judicial system practically. They are proving that the legislative will be taken from the parliament in general to a great extent. The junta is speaking from a



constitution which is "closed to communism" and paving the way only to "Kemalist" parties. So, it is not only prohibiting, that the working class can organise itself in its party. But, as it has closed down the CHP (4), it is remaining unclear, from what kind of a "kemalist" party the junta is speaking.

So, the 1961 constitution is being torn up step by step by every law approved by the junta. The dictatorship of a small elite composed of a mixture of generals and civilians and which will continue the power of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie is going to be imposed on the people with the mask of the constitution.

Indeed, the 1961 constitution which was not prepared with the active participation of the working masses and all national democratic forces, was very limited as its democratic character is concerned. The CPT never shied to declare this fact to the people steadily. Now, our party is against the tearing up of the 1961 constitution. Because, even the smallest democratic right in the 1961 constitution is the product of hard struggles of our people. In order to oppose the tearing up of the 1961 constitution, one must resist from today on against every anti-democratic law and every repressive method. The CPT is supporting all forces who are against the tearing up of the 1961 constitution. We are ready to cooperate with these forces. Although today these forces are walking separately, they are preparing the foundation for a broad front movement, because they are hitting the same target. The joint action of these forces carry yet a vital importance.

Today, the forces who oppose the tearing up of the 1961 constitution are splitted. They became weak in organisational respect. They could not give an open and common answer to the question: What kind of a constitution? These weak points are not only delivering the junta the opportunity to dictate the anti-democratic laws without any resistance, but they are also preparing a milieu in favour of the reactionary civilian forces to flow the different tendencies of the bourgeoisie to their own channels. The so-called pro-democratic manoeuvres of the leaders and the speakers of the AP (5) are reflecting the increasing discontent among the members and supporters of the AP. The leaders of AP are in reality enemies of the 1961 constitution and of the democratic freedoms.

If the people who is striving for democracy will not take its own cause to its own hands, and will be drawn to the manoeuvres of the reactionary bourgeois parties which brought the country at the edge of 12 September, it will be deceived once more bitterly.

The task of bringing the real democratic alternative to the members and supporters of those parties who are against the tearing up of the 1961 constitution, belongs first of all to the CPT, to other workers' parties and to the left forces. They must unite the forces who oppose the tearing up of the 1961 constitution in the struggle for a national democratic constitution.

A national democratic constitution, what does it mean?

- This means a constitution, which is depending on national independence, foreseeing to save the country from the chains of imperialism and NATO and defending peace against war.

- This means a constitution which is guaranteeing all fundamental democratic freedoms, the freedom to organise, word, demonstrate, a democratic election system, is prohibiting fascism, the arch-enemy of these freedoms, and which is recognizing autonomy to the Kurdish nation.



- This means a constitution which is guaranteeing the economic independence, is against the private capitalist monopolies and containing etatism for the interests of the people and preventing the small and middle enterprises from ruin.

- This means a constitution, prohibiting the big landownership in land and which is foreseeing a democratic land reform.

- This means a constitution which is recognizing the freedoms of the working class to collective bargains, to strike and to form and run trade unions.

Only such a constitution can reflect the interests of the people.

Citizens!

Resist against the tearing up of the 1961 constitution! Unite for a national democratic constitution which will deliver the country independence and the people peace, freedom, well-being, and land!

16 December 1981

*Central Committee  
Communist Party of Turkey*

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(1) Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions

(2) Nationalist Action Party

(3) Former prime minister and president of the Republican People's Party (CHP)

(4) Republican People's Party

(5) Justice Party

## STATEMENT

The People's Republic of Poland took measures against the socialism hostile forces. This step is supported by all friends of the Polish people and by everybody who is for peace. The counter-revolutionary forces who prepared themselves to separate Poland from socialism and from the socialist community through an armed revolt, could not reach their aim. The situation in Poland is improving step by step.

The US imperialism and the bosses of NATO are putting the developments in Poland upside down and they are interfering into the internal affairs of this country. Those who do this, are playing the cunning thief. The USA in El Salvador, Israel in Golan, South Africa in Angola are banditting and shedding blood. Turkey, a NATO member, is ruled by a military dictatorship.

The NATO bosses who are speaking in the name of a so-called "freedom" in Poland, do not see the fact that since 12 September 1980 the freedoms in Turkey are trampled by the most roughest and barbaric methods and they try to get rid of this fact with silence. Those who shed tears for the counter revolutionaries costumed as trade unionists are silent before the court case against DİSK in Turkey. 52 functionaries of DİSK are tried at the court with the demand of death punishment, and further more, according to the methods of "state of war". However, even the military attorney can not prove that DİSK resorted to terror and to any armed effort concretely. Moreover, it is announced that 2000 trade unionists will be tried further. Those, who put about thousand people into prison only because they have supported the CPT or they are communists, they are supported first of all by the US imperialists.

These two criteria are unmasking the real face of the anticommunist campaign launched by imperialism around Poland. The imperialists are crying



with panic not because of the freedoms in Poland, but because of the defeat of the counter revolution. Even only this fact makes it clear, who is behind the enemies of socialism in Poland.

Today the reactionary circles in our country try to hide their policy hostile to the people behind the curtain of fog created on Poland. Their aim is to divert the attention of the people from the treaties with the USA which could open the doors to the Rapid Deployment Forces in the future. Their aim is to hide the steps in the direction of tearing up of the 1961 constitution. Their aim is to divert the attention of the public opinion from the continuing economic crises to another directions.

The government of the junta is speaking, on the one hand, from not interfering into the internal affairs of Poland. On the other hand, while accepting the enclosure of the "Polish question" to the agenda of NATO, it is interfering to the internal affairs of Poland. The government is declaring that it has "concern" on the developments in Poland. As the junta can not speak from trampling the freedoms, it is making clear that its "concerns" are dealt with the suppression of the counter revolution. However, the greatest concern of the overwhelming majority of the nation is the increase of the diktat of US imperialism to make use of Turkey in the direction of its aims in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, which is hidden behind this curtain of fog. The fact which is causing concern is the dangerous step of the junta in favour of US imperialism with the treaty on "common defence group" which is also foreseeing the broadening of the US bases.

The interests of the working class and the toiling masses of Turkey make it necessary, to stand at the side of the Polish working class which is struggling against the counter revolution. The CPT is calling our people and all peace loving forces to support the measures taken in Poland.

28 December 1981

*Central Committee  
Communist Party of Turkey*

## STATEMENT

The junta declared that in November 1981 the plebisit for the constitution, and in the autumn of 1983 the general elections will take place.

This announcement is a manoeuvre of the military dictatorship in regard with the internal and external democratic reactions. The reactionary military dictatorship, which could not solve any problem of our country, tries to convince the public opinion that a return to democracy will take place, in order to prevent the unity of the national democratic forces and the increasing discontent of the people.

However, the junta is continuing also today the arrests, the court cases, the tortures and the executions against the CPT and all progressive forces. The functionaries of DİSK are on trial with the demand of death punishment. The persecution of thousands of trade unionists is continuing. The leaders of Töb-Der (\*) got heavy punishments. The junta is intending to hold elections, after it has turned the country into a concentration camp. The junta which is declaring that it will stay in power at least two years, with every confession to the Reagan administration, which is mounting the tension in the



world extraordinarily, will endanger the security of the country in this period further more.

The generals are tearing up the 1961 constitution. They are rooting out the reforms of the 27th May (\*\*) with all their traces. The junta is planning to exert pressure on the people in a dilemma: "either an open dictatorship, or a constitutional dictatorship". With the anti-democratic constitution which it will dictate by this way, it is preparing the conditions for the continuation of the power of the reaction, after the elections.

Such a situation proves, what a great error it is, to wait the hands tied in front of this declaration of the junta. It is necessary not to permit the junta to breathe, and to resist strongly against every anti-democratic law it approves and against the repression continuing on the progressive forces. It is a must to unite the forces against the tearing up of the 1961 constitution and for a national democratic constitution.

The national democratic forces are entering 1982 in a more convenient situation with regard of the last year, in order to realize the tasks belonging to them. Freedom to all arrested patriots and democrats! The ban on all political parties except the fascist MHP must be lifted! The election manoeuvre of the junta is widening the facilities to reach these aims.

Yes, the elections must take place. But the elections must take place according to a national democratic constitution which is guaranteeing all freedoms of the people, and the national sovereignty. This task can be realized not with the dissolution of the junta after the elections, but by its immediate dissolution and by the establishment of a provisory democratic government which is consisting of all national democratic forces, including the patriotic officers.

Today, when the world is facing great dangers, only a democratic and independent Turkey can be a real peace factor in the region.

31 December 1981

*Central Committee  
Communist Party of Turkey*

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(\*) Association of the progressive teachers

(\*\*) On 27 May 1960 a military coup took place as a reaction to the monopolist and reactionary policy of the Democratic Party regime.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey discussed the report of the CPT delegation which participated in the meeting of the communist and workers' parties on the work of the journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism" on 24-27 November 1981 in Prague. The PB of the CC of the CPT appreciated a great value to this high forum of the communist and workers' parties in this period when the international situation has been tensioned and the efforts of US imperialism threatening the world peace have increased. As the communist and workers' parties which have participated in the meeting stated unanimously, the importance of the journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism" is growing further more. The journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism" is an important weapon in spreading socialism, the common ideal of the communist and workers' parties, and in raising the struggle for peace. The journal "Problems of Peace and Socialism" is at



the same time a forum of the communist and workers' parties where they exchange their concrete experiences and make discussions.

The CPT will take part actively in the work of the journal 'Problems of Peace and Socialism in the future as it had always done. The PB of the CC of the CPT underlines the importance of the unity and consensus of the 90 fraternal parties which have taken part in the meeting on the preservation of peace and on the tasks of the communists, the most persistent defenders of peace, in this regard. The PB of the CC of the CPT, together with the overwhelming majority of the parties participated in the meeting, stays for the convention of a world meeting of the communist and workers' parties. The PB of the CPT approved the work of the CPT delegation which took part in the meeting.

18 December 1981

*Political Bureau  
Central Committee  
Communist Party of Turkey*

## **SPEECH OF COMRADE İ.BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT ON THE CPT-COURT CASES**

Citizens,

Yesterday, in a court of the military dictatorship, the court case against the Communist Party of Turkey started. In one respect, the reaction could not end this "cause" since 60 years. In reality, since 60 years, at all court cases against the CPT, the one on trial is the reaction. Today, it is doing nothing else than to commit one more crime in Gölcük and Ankara, as along 60 years.

After the coup of 12 September, especially after May 1981, the CPT and citizens who are close to our party are under a heavy repression and terror. There are comrades, our friends, moreover citizens who had nothing to do with our party, who died and been left crippled at the arrests and tortures, which are continuing also today. Those who exert this barbaric methods, come in front of us with the costume of a "juridician". In the name of trying the "communists who committed crimes against the state", it is the state itself who is committing crimes against the communists and progressive people.

With the court case against the CPT, the junta is roughly trampling the human rights. Because, this time those on trial are not the fascist terrorists from their fingernails blood is dripping. These are those, who oppose every form of terrorism, and fight for the happy future of the people and the country. Except of countries like Chili of Pinochet, you can not find countries in the world where progressive people are tried with the accuse of being a communist. Turkey is the single European country, where the communists are tortured barbarically, put into the prisons, and tried. The generals speak from the "Western Civilization" and Western democracies. However, in a country where the communists are arrested, tortured and sentenced to long imprisonment, one can not speak from democracy. Without the CPT there will not be democracy! Therefore, the words on democracy of those, who let the communists try at the inquisition courts, are not convincing. As the court cases against DİSK (1), Köy-Koop (2), and Töb-Der (3), also the court case against the CPT is the mirror of the democracy concept of the junta, which seized power with the



pretext of preventing terrorism. At these court cases the human beings are not tried, because they were terrorists, but because of their thoughts and organisations. This means that in a democracy mentioned by the junta, there won't be the freedom of organisation and thought for the working class, for the toilers and for progressive forces.

The court case against the CPT is depending on the Articles 141 and 142 of the Turkish Penal Code, which have a black reputation. As known, these Articles are taken from the fascist Italian Penal Code. After the beginning of the so-called multi-party regime in Turkey, especially within the last 20 years, the struggle for freedom of the broadest possible forces is intensified against the Articles 141 and 142. Besides, before 12 September, many courts, military as well as civilian, have regarded these laws contradicting the constitution. Because, these Articles have been the supports of the brutalities not only against the communists, but also against all progressive forces. The court case against the CPT is a struggle platform of those, who are against these fascist laws and those who are in favour of these laws. I appeal all forces who have resisted in this or that way against these fascist laws, to raise their voices against the implementation of these laws against the communists and other progressive forces.

What is the actual aim of the court case opened against the CPT? By this, the junta is intending to shy, to split and to weaken those forces who are opposing the policy of giving new confessions to US imperialism, of legalizing the reactionary military regime, and of offering the bread of the toilers to the monopolies.

The onslaught against the CPT is intensified first of all in a period, when US imperialism increased its diktat on Turkey further more. This is not by chance. The CPT is that party which is guiding, first of all, the struggle of the masses against imperialism. The worldwide policy of imperialism to increase the tension is going parallel to the repression on the communist parties in all capitalist countries. In order to prevent and to suppress the front of the anti-imperialist forces, imperialism is directing its attacks in every country, first of all, against the communists.

The plans of Washington, which wants to turn Europe into a nuclear grave, to use its bases on our territory for its aggressive aims against our big neighbour, the Soviet Union, and against the islamic countries of our region, are known. These plans are announced in the US newspapers. In this situation, it is obvious that even the smallest confession given by the junta to US imperialism is bringing the country in front of big dangers.

Those who made bargains on our national interests before thirty years, and dragged the Turkish soldiers into death for the US interests in Korea, are choosing also today the same way. In order to realize the commands of their imperialist masters, also at that time they attacked the CPT, arrested the communists and opened court cases against the CPT. Since then, the CPT rooted much more strongly among the masses. On the other hand, the und of the champions of collaborating with the USA, are known. (4)

Along 60 years, CPT shied not to express the interests of the working class and of the overwhelming majority of the nation, although it was under heavy repression. Therefore, the executors of the 12 September are attacking the CPT in such a manner. According to us, today, at Gölcük, they want to try the struggle and the ideals of the workers, toilers, intellectuals and youngsters. In another words, they want to try the ideal of national independence, of



peace and of freedom. It is the ideal of a world where there is no exploitation of man by man, it is the ideal of a human life, which they want to try. The members of the trade unions, of the youth, womens' and peace organisations are tried, because they have struggled for these great ideals. The reactionary dictatorship wants to sentence them to heavy imprisonment which is set before.

How many times have the communists passed through this fire? They achieved even under the closed-door hearings to let the people hear their voices. They didn't make even one step back in defending the interests of the people. Of course, there were the renegates and the cowards. But the communists never daunted in front of brutality.

Also today they hold their heads high. No comment! The party was attacked heavily. It is not less what we have lost. However, the Communist Party of Turkey is able to counter the attack of the enemy. The Leninist discipline, this is the most strongly weapon in our hands

The reaction will not achieve the aim which it is intending with this court case. With all our facilities, we will declare the real essence of this court case to our people. So we will let our people to try the ruling forces, the collaborators of imperialism and the representatives of the monopolies who have committed crimes against our national interestes. The toilers will understand much better, who the communists are. With this court case, we will propagate once more to the public opinion what the communists are striving for, and for what they are struggling.

The anticommunist centers tried to diffame the CPT as a terrorist organisation, and to blame the socialist countries with supporting terrorism. Now this diffaming campaign and this provocation are rebuffed by the facts and by the activities of our party to explain the realities to the masses. Now the junta can not use this lie any more. Therefore, the attorneys of the junta are directing against the communists such accuses which are not basing on real prooves. We will rebuff all these weak accusations as well as the new diffaming campaigns which the reaction will launch.

All citizens who are for democracy! Let us spread the truth on the court case against the CPT! Let us strengthen the solidarity with the communists and progressive forces who are on trial! Let us be shoulder by shoulder for freedom and democracy, for national independence and peace, for jobs, bread and land!

*Broadcasted by the radio station  
"Voice of the CPT", on 15 December 1981*

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- 1) Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions
  - 2) Central Cooperative Organisation
  - 3) Association of Progressive Teachers
  - 4) The head of the civilian government at that time, Adnan Menderes, and two members of that cabinet were executed after the military coup of 27 May 1960.



*"Voice of the CPT", 29 December 1981*

## THE DEFEAT OF COUNTER REVOLUTON IN POLAND

An effective step is done in Poland against the counter revolutionary forces. The counter revolutionaries, dressed as trade unionists, who are caught on act are knocked out. The chaos, the anarchy, the economic ruin caused by them, is paving the way for normal work, and for a stable and orderly life. Poland is moving again towards building socialism under secure and peaceful conditions.

The friends of Poland and all peace forces are supporting the measures taken in Poland. The international communist and workers' movement was and is against the efforts to split Poland from the socialist community. With its effective internationalist solidarity, it is at the side of the Polish working class and people, who are fighting against the counter revolution. The CPT, as an inseparable part of the international communist and workers' movement, is participating in this solidarity movement. The CC of the party, in its statement on 27 December 1981, made its standpoint public: "The interests of the working class and the toiling masses of Turkey make it necessary, to stand at the side of the Polish working class."

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The imperialists, especially the USA, are putting the developments in Poland upside down. They are continuing their efforts to interfere into the internal affairs of this country. Mister Reagan is getting anger with regard of the improvement of the situation in Poland. He is declaring that he will take "punishment" measures. He tries to threaten the Soviet Union. He is forcing the Western countries for economic ambargo on the Soviet Union. He is prohibiting the American firms, to take part in the project of pipe-gas which will bring natural gas from the Soviet Union to Western countries. He is shouting "I shall take back my representative from the Madrid Conference," - "I am going to block the peace negotiations. "But this histeric campaign of US imperialism around Poland is only deepening the inter-imperialist contradictions.

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This can not hide the peace hostile policy of the US administration. Even the example Turkey is enlightening their anti-human policy. The rulers of Washington, when they are speaking from "freedom" in regard of Poland, they try to hide and stay silent in front of the fact, that since 12 September 1980, the freedoms in Turkey are trampled with the most barbaric and roughest methods, as it is also stated in the statement of the CC of the CPT. Those who shed tears for the counter-revolutionaries in Poland, are staying silent in front of the fact, that 52 functionaries of DISK are on trial with the demand of death punishment. As the French newspaper "l Humanite" is writing, the Reagan administration is not threatening the junta in Ankara with the ceasure of the economic aid. On contrary, it is giving more weapons and money to the regime which filled the prisons with patriots, Why? Because here a stronghold of NATO is dealt with. Here it is Turkey dealt with, which the US imperialism tries to use more actively in its plans in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

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## **DİSK AND POLAND**

Dear friends, what an interesting situation: While the bourgeoisie and the most reactionary forces of our country shed tears "because the workers' rights are trampled in Poland", the court case against the functionaries of DİSK started. As known, death punishment is demanded for 52 trade unionists, only because they have defended the rights of the working class. The demand of death punishment for those who defended the rights of the workers, as well as the methods used at the court case, show the real character of the tears shed for the so-called trade unionists in Poland.

Now, our working class, first of all the members of DİSK are being more clearly aware of the following fact: In Poland, the workers' rights are not abolished, the question is not the struggle of the workers, but it is the efforts of the counter revolution to abolish the workers' rights. The workers say that even the first glance at the words and articles of those who are crying for Poland who are the number one enemies of the workers' in Turkey, enables to understand this fact.

The reactionary forces in Turkey, are attacking the legal forces who act according to the constitution in Poland, on contrary, they are supporting the junta in Turkey which abolished the constitution and declared: "everything that I say, is law!" It is them, who are instigating the junta against the working class. They are considering the repression and the anti-democratic measures in Turkey as "unsufficient", and demanding the increase of them.

The press and the state radio and television, while they are silencing on the methods used at the court case against DİSK, they are spreading false information on the developments in Poland. They are trying to divert the attention of the people from the internal developments and to weaken the reactions against the anti-democratic methods...

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## **FREEDOM FOR THE LEADERS OF DİSK!**

On 24 December 1981, at the second military court of the martial law of Istanbul, the court case against DİSK (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions) started. The military attorney is demanding death punishment for Abdullah Baştürk, the president, and for other 51 trade unionists.

The military attorney, colonel Süleyman Takkeci, who is known with his extreme reactionary methods at the court cases of the martial law and with his close relations with the smugglers, is accusing DİSK with "demanding the abolition of the constitution and the parliament by force". This is a false accuse, because it is the junta itself which has abolished the constitution and the parliament using its bajonets. On contrary, DİSK, depending on the trade



union rights and freedoms in the constitution, defended the economic, social and democratic rights and interests of the working class. The international public opinion is considering this court case as a scandal, since the trade unionists are threatened with death punishment only because of their trade union activity.

On the other hand, the military court decided to proceed the hearings according to the rules of "state of war". This means the extraordinarily limitation of the right to defence, the limitation of the number of the lawyers, and a sincere threat against the lives of the trade unionists. The attorney Takkeci is saying at the corridors of the court openly the following: "We want to end this court case, as soon as possible.

The military court, consisting of colonel Orhan Gürkan, major Çetin Güvener and captain Saygı Nalbantoğlu, is proceeding according to fascist type methods. Observing that at the first hearing of the court case, there were 78 lawyers present to defend the trade unionists, the court decided to act according to the rules of "state of war". On 24 December 1981, the judge Güvener threw Orhan Apaydın, president of the Bar Association of Istanbul, out of the hearing room because of his reservation against the implementation of the rules of "state of war" at a court case which has nothing to do with "war". In another hearing, the same judge threw this time Hasan Fehmi Güneş, former minister of internal affairs, because he wanted to express his views on the proceedings. The trade unionists are threatened steadily by the military attorney and the military court. While they are brought from the prison to the court room, they are hurt and thrashed.

In the indictment against DİSK, prepared by the military attorney of the junta, which is claiming that it seized power in order to stop terrorism, can not bring a single proof against DİSK to resort to any terrorist action. On contrary, the indictment against DİSK is trying to accuse the whole action of DİSK since 13 February 1967, since its founding. Therefore, this court case carries the character of a court case against the whole working class of Turkey.

The military attorney, in the role of the speaker of the monopolies collaborating with imperialism, is trying to accuse even the smallest step of DİSK in regard with the defence of the economic, social and democratic rights of the workers. He is trying to condemn the targets of the class struggle.

It is very important, under which conditions these accusations are done. The court case against DİSK is opened in a period, when all the rights of the workers are attacked. It started in a period when collective bargaining is prohibited and the wages are dictated on the working class by the junta-set "High Arbitrary Council". This court case started on those days, when the junta is going to pass a new and anti-democratic law on trade union activity.

On the other hand, because DİSK defended peace, stood for national independence, was against the imperialist plans to make the country a tool of the aggressive policies, the military attorney is accusing it as an arm of the CPT.

Another important side of the court case against DİSK is its unmasking the "democrat" face of imperialism, first of all of Reagan administration, in regard with Poland. Imperialism, pointing out the measures taken against the counter revolutionary forces in Poland is doing so, as if it is for the "human rights and workers' rights". But when the court case against DİSK is concerned, when Turkey, a NATO member is concerned, they are too sneaking to talk. They want to hide the naked fact that 52 trade unionist are threatened with death



punishment, they want to hide the fact, that in Turkey communists are tried because of their thoughts, people die under torture and the number of the detainees exceed hundred thousand.

### The reactions against the court case:

The court case against DİSK is protested by the international workers' movement. The PB of the French CP, in a resolution, condemned the court case against DİSK and pointed out the ugly campaign around Poland, while the workers' rights are trampled in Turkey. The foreign ministry of France, expressed its concerns about the trial against the trade unionists with the demand of death punishment to the ambassador of Turkey in Paris. On 30 December 1981, a big demonstration took place in front of the Turkish embassy. Many leading cadres of the French CP, prominent trade unionists, as well as Turkish and Kurdish workers working in France took part in the meeting. Newspaper l 'Humanite is publishing big articles on the trial against the trade unionists in Turkey. Newspaper Le Matin, Le Monde and Liberation published information on the demand of death punishment for the trade unionists only because of their trade union activity.

The French television made an interview with Frederik Weyl who attended the hearings on behalf of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. Weyl spoke on DİSK, and the court cases against the CPT and other democratic organisations in Turkey. He explained the anti-democratic procedure at the court and cited the repression on the lawyers at the military courts.

On 26 December 1981, newspaper Pravda, central organ of the CC of the CPSU published an article on the court case against DİSK. It is said: "The court case against a big group of the functionaries and members of DİSK started at the military court of the martial law of Istanbul. This organisation, before being closed down by the military regime, had over 600 thousand members. As it is stated many times by the press, this progressive confederation of trade unions, defended as a legal organisation, the social and economic rights of the toilers, opposed the arbitrary implementations of the employers. DİSK stood at the side of the peace forces and was against international tension".

Newspaper Trud, organ of the Soviet trade unions, in an article on 29 December 1981, issued the answer to the question: "Why do the Turkish authorities threaten the trade unionists with death punishment?" Trud writes among others: "The widening of the struggle of the toilers of Turkey for their interests under the leadership of DİSK- the increase of the influence and respect of this trade union center were disturbing the reactionary circles and the bourgeoisie in Turkey. These circles have organised this trial against the progressive trade union center of the working class of Turkey."

The organs of the communist and workers' parties, the progressive press of numerous countries, the national trade union centers, as well as International Confederation of Free Trade Union, World Federation of Trade Unions and International Federation of Labour declared that they are going to raise the solidarity with DİSK. In many countries, a big solidarity campaign started with the slogan "freedom for the DİSK leaders!" The organizers of this campaign are underlining that this campaign will reach it speak point on 13 February 1982, on the 15th anniversary of the founding of DİSK.



On 17 December 1981, Kemal Daysal, member of the executive Committee of DİSK, and Mehmet Karaca, member of the Executive Council of DİSK and president of Maden-İş, affiliated to DİSK, both searched by the junta, in their appeal concerning the court case against DİSK stated:

"Death punishment is demanded for our 52 brothers. It is necessary to organise a very broad solidarity and protest movement, regarding the graveness of the situation. We call all trade union organisations, without any difference and in all levels, to make use of all facilities and to raise a united solidarity movement, in order to save our brothers, the functionaries of DİSK from death, from torture and prison!"

### THE FIRST COURT CASE AGAINST THE CPT

On 14 December 1981, the first of a series court cases against the CPT started in Gölcük a small city at the Marmara Sea. In this court case, about 20 years imprisonment is demanded for 230 patriots, 87 of them from the cities Zonguldak and Kastamonu 20 of them from Sakarya, 70 of them from the cities Bursa and Balıkesir, and 52 from Kocaeli. The court case is taking place at the Gonca Sea Base, which the junta is going to widen with a new military treaty with the USA to be signed 1982.

As known, the military regime in Turkey is going to open a series of court cases against the CPT, in order to hold fresh the anticommunist slander campaign. It is announced that another court case against 205 patriots will start soon at the military courts of the martial law Ankara.

In the court case against the CPT, started in Gölcük, the military attorney Yusuf Yanık, is demanding the sentencing of the patriots according to the Articles 141 and 142 of the Turkish Penal Code. These two Articles were adopted 1936 from the Italian Penal Code, from the famous Articles 270 and 272 of Mussolini. They have been heavied several times since then. And today, they are foreseeing up to 15 years imprisonment just for the membership of the communist party.

The 230 patriots who are being accused to be members and sympathizers of the CPT, are defended by 42 lawyers from the Bar Associations of Istanbul and Kocaeli. These lawyers are also under repression and threat. The military court is consisting of colonel Güler Bozkurt, colonel Erol Ülsoy, captain Eyüp Menteş, and captain Yunus Gürekal.



The military attorney, in his indictment against the CPT can not bring even a single concrete proof against the actions of these patriots, as well as of the party. The military attorney feels himself obliged to recognize the fact, that as an organisation, the CPT didn't resort to terrorism. The fundamental accusations against the patriots on trial are to be members of the CPT and to propagate the ideals of communism. The military attorney, in the 274 paged indictment, makes a statement on the founding of the CPT by comrade Mustafa Suphi in 1920. He says: "The party was founded with the influence of the October Revolution". In the indictment, the military attorney expresses his views on the program of the CPT. Then he is accusing our party with working illegally, without mentioning the fact the CPT is the single communist party in Europe, which is prohibited.

The patriots are accused with gaining influence in trade unions, and democratic mass organisations with establishment of factory committees of the party, with directing the demonstrations and meetings, with gaining new members to the party. All this activity is considered by the military attorney, who is the speaker of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie, as "actions for the benefit of a special social class".

It is obvious that neither the military dictatorship, nor the military courts and attorneys are putting on trial not this or that action of the CPT, but directly the ideal of communism. They are trying to punish the patriots because of their thoughts and because of their will to get organised along their thoughts.

As it is stated by comrade I. Bilen, the General Secretary of the CPT, in his speech on 15 December 1981, the reaction opens court cases against the CPT, when it is going to intensify its collaboration with imperialism. Since the CPT is guiding first of all the struggle of the people against imperialism, against the danger of being dragged into imperialist adventures, the court cases against the CPT mean always an open threat against peace and national independence. Today, when imperialism, first of all USA, is intensifying its efforts to make use of our territory in its aggressive plans against the Soviet Union as well as the national liberation movement in the Middle East, this court case is not only important for the communist and workers' movement, but also for all peace forces.



Considering all these facts, and considering the fact that the CPT is the single communist party in Europe which is forced to clandestinity, the fraternal parties and broad peace forces of numerous countries raise the solidarity movement with the CPT and with the patriots who are tried at the military courts of the junta in Turkey.

## **documents**

TO COMRADE L.I. BREZHNEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPSU AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET

Very esteemed comrade L.I. Brezhnev,

On behalf of the communists of Turkey and of the working class and toilers of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets Your 75th birthday with its most cordial feelings of respect.

The communists of Turkey, our working class and people, and all peace loving forces appreciate highly Your uninterrupted efforts in preserving peace and continuing detente, in regard with the most burning problem of the day, the prevention of a nuclear war, as well as the steady upsurges of the Soviet Union along its Leninist peace policy.

Today, the Soviet Union under the guidance of the CPSU is strengthening all sidedly. It is developing continuously the material-technical basis of communism. In the world revolutionary process, the role of the socialist community, first of all of the Soviet Union, is increasing steadily. The development of Leninism by the CPSU with unequalled contributions is sharpening this undefeatable weapon of the world communist and workers' movement further more. The defence of the great principles of proletarian internationalism by the CPSU as an apple of its eye, is the greatest source of force for the international workers' movement, and for the peoples who wage a struggle for national and social liberation. Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, all



progressive forces of the world feel a great pleasure that You are contributing to these all-sidedly developments in all these fields.

The Soviet Union, our big neighbour, from its foundation has always shown friendship to the Republic of Turkey and to our people. It has worked and is working persistently and sensitively for the development of the relations depending on peaceful coexistence, equal rights and mutual benefit. The peace programme declared at the XXVI. Congress of the CPSU, which is consisting concrete, realistic and constructive peace proposals in regard with Europe as well as the Middle East and the Mediterranean, are carrying a vital importance for the security and national interests of our country. In our country, which is facing the pressure and diktat of the most aggressive circles of imperialism, these proposals are supporting the struggle of all patriotic forces, waged under grave conditions for national independence, freedom and democracy.

Very esteemed comrade L.I. Brezhnev,

We wish You good health, well-being, many new successes in Your responsible duty, and happiness to the Soviet people.

19 December 1981

With our communist greetings  
I. Bilen  
General Secretary  
CC, CPT

TO THE II. CONGRESS OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF JAMAICA

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of the communists of Turkey and the working class of our country, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey conveys its revolutionary greetings to the II. Congress of the fraternal Workers' Party of Jamaica.

Your Congress takes place in a period when the US administration and the ruling circles of NATO are mounting the policy of confrontation hostile to peace and detente,



and intensifying the attacks on the national and social liberation movement of the peoples. Pentagon is organising subversive actions and intrigues in te Central America, especially against the socialist Cuba and free Nicaragua and Grenada. In El Salvador and in Guatemala it is delivering the bloody dictatorships with military support against the people's liberation movements. The Leninist peace policy of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and their active solidarity basing on proletarian internationalism to the socialist Cusa and to the progressive peoples of the Central America, make a very big support for the progressive forces who are struggling against this aggressive policy of US imperialism.

Your Congress takes place in a period, when in Jamaica the reactionary forces are intensifying their efforts and the crises which is the result of the pro-imperialist policy of the collaborating circles is deepening. The Workers' Party of Jamaica is struggling persistently to unite all patriots, democrats and progressive forces, to improve the living conditions of the toilers, and to repell the imperialist diktat. The Communist Party of Turkey and the working class of Turkey express their full solidarity with this just struggle of the Workers' Party of Jamaica.

Comrades,

We wish new successes to the II. Congress of the Workers' Party of Jamaica against our common enemy, US imperialism and in our common cause, peace and socialism.

Long live Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism!

17 December 1981

I. Bilen  
General Secretary  
CC, CPT







